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# Weekly Views

An offender in the Miami Accessible Media Project at Miami Correctional Facility has successfully completed the course requirements to earn a certificate as an Associate Music Transcriber of Braille through the Library of Congress. There are very few people in the United States with this certificate.

Lt. Michael Cain from Westville Correctional Facility completed the Duty Pistol Course of Fire with the Indiana Police Firearms Training Association, (IPFTA). At the annual banquet, Lt. Cain received a plaque and certificate for placing 5th in the state with the Duty Pistol. The shooting season was comprised of eight competitions where the competitors fired 42 rounds at B-27 targets. Lt. Cain averaged 364.2 out of a possible 420 points. The IPFTA is a volunteer organization of police and corrections shooters that promotes marksmanship in the law enforcement community.

The Correctional Industrial Facility, Pendleton Correctional Facility, and Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility conducted successful emergency response scenario training exercises. This effort was coordinated between the three facilities in conjunction with the Indiana State Police. Pendleton simulated the removal of unruly offenders from the gym by the facility's Emergency Squad. CIF simulated a hostage situation, and Pendleton Juvenile simulated a bomb threat.

A Silent Auction conducted by Staff Development Emergency Operations (SDEO) was a great success! SDEO raised a total of \$608 dollars to benefit the Indiana Correctional Peace Officer Fund!

The initial class of twelve students at the Parole Academy graduated after four weeks of training. This academy represents years of concept, creation and application to bring to fruition. Parole Services is proud of participating staff and the collaboration with training staff to provide a meaningful product.

Central Office staff enjoyed Soup Day, an idea generated by an entry in an earlier edition of the Weekly Views. Six great cooks delighted the crowds with their creations and raised \$105 for the Employee Appreciation Fund.

The LaPorte County Salvation Army food bank received \$470 in food items for needy families this Thanksgiving due to the efforts of Camp Summit staff and students. Staff raised \$198 through the sale of lunches and Camp Summit students donated \$272 from their trust fund accounts. Several students and staff also from Camp Summit served dinner to the hungry at the Salvation Army on Thanksgiving Day.

Indiana Women's Prison staff and offenders coordinated efforts with four community family centers, churches and ministries to prepare 249 turkeys for the 2,900 free meals that were served to the less fortunate and shut-in on Thanksgiving Day. The community representatives described the level of commitment to this project as phenomenal. The women that helped seemed to be extremely touched about being able to assist and give some back to society.

Lema Vega and the Amish presented four plays of the Amish Nativity Drama for offenders at New Castle Correctional Facility over Thanksgiving Weekend.

Henryville Correctional Facility conducted a training session in partnership with Clark County Community Corrections. Community corrections employees were trained by the facility training coordinator in personal protection with additional training sessions scheduled in the near future.

Pendleton Correctional Facility Electrical Foreman Walter Luke was honored in a ceremony in recognition of his retirement following five years of service to the facility.

Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility's Clean Lifestyle Is Freedom Forever (CLIFF) unit conducted a graduation Ceremony for eight CLIFF participants. To date, the facility has graduated 32 groups and 238 students from the program.

Four students at Madison Juvenile Correctional Facility have successfully earned their GED.

Staff from Madison Correctional Facility rang the bell for the Salvation Army raising over \$250.

The Plainfield Correctional Facility PLUS Program held a fund raiser by selling pizzas to the offender population. The event was a success and resulted in a \$1,000 donation that will be made to the Salvation Army during the holiday season.

The Department Of Family Management will host its annual Inside\Out Dad's Christmas party at the Correctional Industrial Facility for 35 fathers and 62 children. Salvation Army from Delaware County donated gifts for the annual event.

The Northwest Jaycees from the Indiana State Prison donated \$1000 to buy toys which were donated to the Salvation Army of Michigan City. The toys will be given to children in the community. The American Legion Post 130 at ISP donated \$1,000 to Riley Hospital and \$500 to Fisher's Nightingale House.